Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The mission of the Catholic Health Association of the United States is to support and strengthen the Catholic health ministry of the United States by healing as Jesus did, pursuing the ethical practice of medicine and advocating access for all to just, compassionate and quality health care; and,

Whereas, The Catholic Health Association of the United States represents the combined strength of more than 2,000 Catholic healthcare sponsors, systems, facilities and related organizations; and,

Whereas, The Catholic health ministry exists to carry out the healing ministry of Jesus, to serve the health needs of persons and communities, tending to body, mind and spirit, and transform systems of care and society to ensure health and well-being for all; and,

Whereas, Avera, the health ministry of the Benedictine and Presentation Sisters exists to make a positive impact in the lives and health of persons and communities in this region by providing quality services guided by Christian values; and,

Whereas, Avera is hosting the Catholic Health Association of the United States in a visit to experience the quality and continuum of rural health care in the state of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2005, as

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE DAY

in South Dakota in recognition of the Catholic Health Association of the United States' interest in and advocacy for rural healthcare.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State